

# Flamingo Gardens

## ORCHID SOCIETY

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

### November 2022

#### Meeting Information

Monday, November 14th, 2022  
Doors open - 7:00 p.m.  
Meeting Begins - 7:30 p.m.

Flamingo Gardens  
In the LEARNING CENTER  
3750 S. Flamingo Rd.  
Davie, FL 33330

Parking is available at the Main  
Entrance parking area.

- Silent Auction
- Refreshments
- Show and Tell
- Members Choice
- Raffles
- And much more fun

Masks will not be required.

For more information -  
[FlamingoGardensOrchidSociety@gmail.com](mailto:FlamingoGardensOrchidSociety@gmail.com)

#### Meet the Speaker: Scott Peplin

By Lucy Matos Lodato, V. P. Programs

Scott Peplin will be our speaker this month. Scott has developed his common-sense style of growing orchids over the last 25 years. He always had a passion for plants. Arriving in South Florida in 1993, he was immediately "stung" by the orchid bee and began his quest to master the art of not killing orchids.



Through the years Scott has carefully studied the environment of South Florida as it relates to orchids. He has experimented with almost every type of medium, fertilizers and pest control chemicals recommended for orchid growing. Scott's business Orchid Environments is the culmination of 25 years of research, experience, knowledge, and application of orchid growing techniques specific to South Florida. Consulting, designing, acquiring and displaying an orchid collection, dividing, and mounting, orchid displays, orchid growing structures, maintenance, restoration and care while you're away are some of the services Orchid Environments provides.

The heart of the business is The Orchid Bar & Grill, the shade structures and gardens behind Scott and his wife Donnas' home. In addition to displaying their massive orchid collection, it serves as the laboratory, classroom, demonstration area, and gathering place for friends, clients and students.

Scott is an active member and former Trustee of the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society, guest lectures, hosts various events for the Society. He has also guest lectured at the Delray, Coral Springs, Sunrise and Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Societies.



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## President's Message



This message is about being and feeling THANKFUL!

**Thanks** to all the new members and the oldies who have stayed with FGOS! Our society has roared back after the COVID virus situation. We are consistently having a great group every month. Your participation has kept us able to have great speakers, great raffles and a great time!

**Thanks** for coming to the BINGO game night! The remarks from our BINGO evening were, "Let's do this every year!" Here's a [link](#) to a few pictures Gail Santini took at the event.

**Thanks** to the group Kids in Distress, who let us borrow all their Bingo Game items, we gave this a try and it worked. Always looking for new ideas.

**Thanks** to Diane Rogers and the Newbie Group, which is a new addition to our meetings this year. We want to help you learn the basics of Orchid growing. Have questions? Bring them to the group. As they say, if you have a question someone else probably has the same question. They are meeting at 6:45 pm before our regular meeting.

**Thanks** to you all who purchased a Florida Orchid Growing book by Martin Motes. We felt this was a book that will help you month by month on what to do for your orchids. I call it my Orchid Bible.

**Thanks** to those members who are considered new at growing orchids for attending the field trip to Scott Peplin's home, a successful hobbyist orchid grower, who shared some of his tips and tricks for his success. His backyard is filled with plants to host butterflies as well. He has classes that he holds at his home for those who are interested. Scott is our guest speaker for the November meeting.

**Thanks** to all of you and your friends who made a donation to the Flamingo Gardens Butterfly Pavilion. The Walk-A-Thon was held on Sunday, November 6th. The FGOS team won 1st place by raising \$2505. This is all about saving Florida Native Butterflies. The goal is to release 12,000 butterflies a year because pollinators are so important to the environment.

**Thanks** to all of you who have joined or renewed your membership with FGOS. A reminder - that you must be an active member to attend the Holiday Party and receive a gift of an orchid from the society. You must join or renew by November 17 th. No exceptions because we have to have a final count for the purchase of the orchids. Your last chance is at this meeting or mail your membership form with a check to Mary. Thank you.

**Thanks** to you all! Happy Blooming!

Jan

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# WELCOME FGOS NEWBIES!

## *The Newbie Sessions*

The Newbie Sessions are specifically for orchid growers who have less than two years' experience or for Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society members who have been a part of our group for less than two years. This month we'll be talking about how to prepare your tropical orchids for a South Florida winter. Join us at 6:45 pm on November 14, before the general membership meeting begins, to hear some helpful tips on orchid care.

November's meeting assignment for our Newbies: Take a photo of an orchid and find its name. If the orchid has an identification tag you are ahead of the game! Then, locate ONE fact about that species of orchid – whether it likes a lot of sun, how much water it needs, where it originated – you get the idea. Share your photo on your phone at November's Newbie Session.

Good fellowship and great information await you at Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society.

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## News at a Glance

### ❖ **This month's meeting**

- Will be held in the Flamingo Gardens LEARNING CENTER!
- Bring your orchids for the Members Choice Awards
- Silent Auction is back this month. Bring your orchids or orchid related supplies to auction.

### ❖ **FGOS Membership Drive is Happening Now**

- Dues for the 2022-2023 will remain the same, a bargain at \$25.00
- Official membership is valid upon payment of membership dues. Membership for this application cycle will conclude on September 30, 2023.
- Please print off the membership application included with this newsletter. You can bring your application and membership dues to a meeting or follow the instructions for mailing it to Mary Lathrop.

### ❖ **Silent Auction help needed**

- Volunteers are still needed to help coordinate and work on this important element of our meeting. Please let a board member know if you are available to volunteer.
- THANK YOU to Ilene Shatkin for volunteering to chair the Silent Auction Committee. At present, the committee is really small.
- If you are looking for an opportunity to become more involved and support the FGOS, consider volunteering to be a part of the Silent Auction Committee.
- Contact Ilene or a FGOS Board member (listed below) to volunteer.

### ❖ **Member's Choice Volunteer Committee Members Needed**

- We all enjoy looking at the award winning plants brought to our meetings by our fellow members. If you also enjoy this experience, consider volunteering to assist with the vote tabulation or plant check-in.
  - If this opportunity sounds like something you would enjoy, please reach out to a board member to express your interest.
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# CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS!

*Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society  
Holiday Party*

*Monday, December 12, 2022*

Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

Dinner Begins at 7:30 p.m.

**Italian Holiday Buffet including beverages and dessert**

**Current 2022-2023 Paid FGOS Membership only - Holiday Dinner - \$25**

\*\*Pay in person by Cash, Check (made out to FGOS) or Charge accepted  
at our November meeting **OR**

\*\*Mail to: Mary Lathrop, 11515 SW 51<sup>st</sup> Ct., Cooper City, FL 33330. Must  
be postmarked by Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> (NO EXCEPTIONS).

*Members attending Holiday Dinner*

*receive a Holiday Plant!*

*Centerpieces will be raffled!*

*Raffle Tickets 6 for \$5!*

*50/50 is back once again! \*Bring Cash\**

## Welcome Our New Members

We are excited to welcome 14 new members to the Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society this month. Please make an effort to say Hello and extend a warm FGOS welcome to **Esther Bejar, Dorothy DeDario, Marty Duda, Maria Forehand, Lori Holland, Isaac Reyes, and Marlene Ruiz** .

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2023 Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society  
Board of Directors and Committee Chairs

Jan Amador	President
Lucy Matos-Lodato	1st Vice President and Program Chairperson
Mary Lathrop	2nd Vice President and Membership Chairperson
Marcy Schwartz	Recording Secretary
Alice Walker	Corresponding Secretary
Theresa DiRocco	Treasurer
Annette Scardina	Trustee - 2 year
Lori Ryan	Trustee - 2 year
EJ Laviolette	Trustee - 1 year & Newsletter Editor
Diane Rogers	Trustee - 1 year
Mike Vaupel	Trustee - 1 year
<i>Silent Auction Committee Chairperson</i>	<i>Ilene Shatkin</i>
<i>Society Photographer</i>	<i>Gail Santini</i>

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Win an Orchid! The more things you do, the more tickets you get!

**Bring something for the Refreshment Table**

**Get a Ticket!**

**Bring a Blooming Orchid for "Show and Tell"**

**Get a Ticket!**

**Purchase \$5.00 or more of Raffle Table Tickets**

**Get a Ticket!**

**Wear your FGOS Name Badge**

**Get a Ticket!**



**These tickets are only for the "Membership Plant" and cannot be purchased.**

AOS Corner

★ Join the American Orchid Society

- ★ Are you a member of the American Orchid Society?  
[Click here to join today.](#)



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*Education. Conservation. Research.*  
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★ AOS Webinars

- ★ Do you want to learn more about your orchids through Webinars? Check out the upcoming webinars [here.](#)

★ Orchidist's Word of the Month

- ★ **peloria** (pe-LOR-ee-a) Abnormal regularity of structure occurring in flowers normally irregular; generally applied to orchids where the petals have lip characters or colors. Also when lips take on petal characteristics..
- ★ If you hear a term during a presentation and don't know the meaning, you can get your answers in this [Orchidist's Glossary.](#)

**REGISTRATION IS EASY** <http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>  
 Cannot make it on the scheduled date or time? No need to worry.  
 Register now and view on your time schedule.

Greenhouse Chat Webinars are indexed by topic for future viewing.  
 Send your Greenhouse Chat questions and photos to: [greenhousechat@aos.org](mailto:greenhousechat@aos.org)

<b>When</b>	<b>Nov. 08, 2022</b> 8:30pm EST Tuesday	<b>Nov. 13, 2022</b> 2:00pm EST Sunday	<b>December</b> <b>Winter Break</b>
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Greenhouse Chat</b> <b>Orchid Q &amp; A</b> <i>Send in your Photos &amp; Questions by Nov. 06</i>	<b>Disas</b> Flowers of the Rainbow	<b>Choose Your Topic</b> From <b>RECORDED</b> <b>WEBINARS</b>
<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Ron McHatton</b> Chief Education and Science Officer	<b>Michael Tibbs</b> International Traveler, Author, Hybridizer, Consultant	<b>Expert Growers, AOS Judges, Hobbyists, Conservationists and more</b>

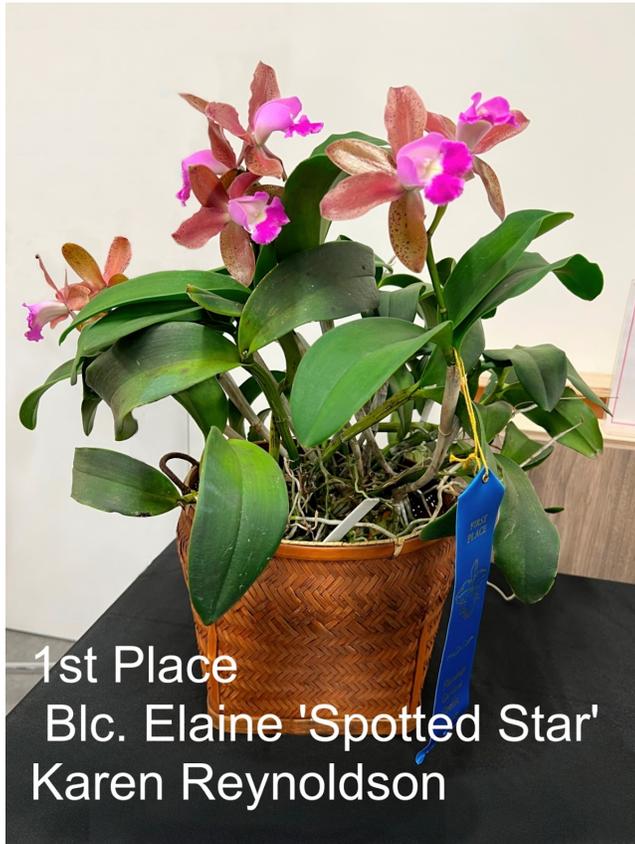
**Check Out the Timeless Collection of Recorded Webinars on the AOS Website**

*Webinar announcements are posted to Facebook, Instagram and in the AOS Corner of your Affiliated Society's newsletter.*

Use the Webinar Display Filter

## Member Choice Award Winners

Congratulations to our winners and thanks to everyone who brought in a blooming orchid from their collection. We are excited to share your selections as Members Choice Award recipients during last month's contest. In case you weren't able to attend, here are photos of the selected winners. Bring in your blooming orchid to be considered in next month's display.



1st Place  
Blc. Elaine 'Spotted Star'  
Karen Reynoldson



2nd Place Tom Nordman  
Lc Mini Purple 'Blue Hawaii'

3rd Place  
Den. bracteosum x tanii  
Alice Walker





Membership October 1 - September 30, 2023

Official membership is valid upon payment of membership dues. Membership for this application cycle will conclude on September 30, 2023. Membership Dues are \$25.00 and can be paid by cash, check or credit card.

Complete and return this form to a monthly meeting or mail application to:

Mary Lathrop  
11515 SW 51st Ct.,  
Cooper City, FL 33330

Membership Information			
First Name (required)			
Last Name (required)			
New	Renewal	(Complete the rest of the form only if a <b>new member or changes</b> are made to existing membership information.)	
Street Address			
City, State , Zip Code			
Home Phone:		Cell Phone:	
Email address:			
Birth Month:		Birth Day:	
Can we publish your name, address, email address and phone number in a directory?		Yes	No
About You			
How did you hear about FGOS?			
Are you a member of the American Orchid Society (AOS)?		Yes	No
Are you interested in volunteer activities with FGOS?		Yes	No

FGOS use:

- Cash
- Credit Card
- Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## It's Rip Van Winkle Time for Some of Our Orchids!

By Sandi Block-Brezner, Accredited AOS Orchid Judge, WPBJC

Not that we want to put our orchids to sleep for 20 years but it is getting close to that time of year when certain orchids do not need our constant attention! Begin now to start planning for the time to stop watering and fertilizing certain orchids. As a general rule of thumb, one would stop watering and fertilizing these orchids at Halloween or Thanksgiving and not start again until after Valentine's Day. (Some growers stop fertilizing them at Halloween and stop watering at Thanksgiving, and some stop both at Halloween!) But remember, this is just a general guide...and some folks don't change their routine at all!!

Also, for some orchids, you would not start watering again until they show new growth in the spring or until the new growth is a certain size, which will probably be later than Valentine's Day. Some growers and hobbyists, who have a greenhouse, segregate these plants in their growing area so they don't get watered or fertilized accidentally. If you have an outside structure that has a clear roof, you could segregate them to one area where they will get plenty of light but not water. Many other folks, who grow mainly outside, segregate them and they only get the water that Mother Nature provides. If you don't have the room to segregate, place a colored tag in the pot so that it will alert you not to put any extra water or fertilizer on those plants. By doing this, you are mimicking the way these orchids grow in their natural habitat. Hopefully they will reward you with many blooms when they awaken!

In any case, most of the rest of our orchids don't need as much water when the weather cools down, and less water also means less fertilizer. Fertilizer is composed of NPK (Nitrogen, Phosphorus, and Potassium) which encourages orchids to grow and bloom (hopefully!) In the cool months, the growth rate is slower, and orchids don't need as much nitrogen and phosphorus. One thing orchids can benefit from in the winter is magnesium, especially Cattleyas. Some growers do give their orchids magnesium all year long. An easy way to do this is with Epsom Salt (1 TBL per gallon). And since you don't want to starve your orchids, you could also add 1 TBL of Potassium Nitrate so they get some nutrition (the K in NPK).

If you are on FOG (Florida Orchid Growing on Facebook) or Newbie FOG you can find information or ask about certain orchids or species. Also, if you are a member of AOS (American Orchid Society), there is a great article in the October 2019 issue on Fall Preparations written by Sue Bottom! You can find it in the AOS online archives. Or you might find it on the St. Augustine OS website:

(<https://www.staugorchidsociety.org/PDF/FallPreparationsbySueBottom.pdf>)

Fred Clarke, Sunset Valley Orchids, also has good advice on his website about giving a winter rest to Catasetinae orchids (Catasetums, Cycnoches, Mormodes, and Clowesia). There is also good cultural information on Dr. Courtney Hackney's website, even though he wrote it years ago, he is still an expert, though you may have to adjust for south Florida's conditions

(<http://www.rose4art.com/orchid-growing-tips-index-to-articles.htm>). Here is also an article reprinted from an online orchid forum many years ago, Orchid Board; they might be a Facebook group now. Use it as a guide as to whether you should be giving your orchids a winter rest.

### Winter Rest for Orchids

This information was compiled from [www.orchidboard.com](http://www.orchidboard.com) threads.

There is much confusion about orchids and which ones get a "winter rest"...even those of us with extensive collections and LOTS of research have found it a daunting question. If orchids originated from a location with

very dry, cool winters, we try to mimic that habitat as well. As classified by Rebecca Tyson Northern, there are six groupings that describe the differences in growing needs of Dendrobiums. This is paraphrased to avoid copyright infringement.

Type I (deciduous, so-called nobile type) intermediate to warm in summer, cool to cold in winter, full winter rest. Examples: *D. nobile*, *D. chrysanthum*, *D. wardianum*.

Type II (deciduous) intermediate to warm all year, full winter rest. Examples: *D. speciosum*, *D. aggregatum*, *D. findlayianum*, *D. heterocarpum*, *D. superbium* (anosmum), *D. parishii*, *D. pierardii*.

Type III (persistent) intermediate to warm summer, cool in winter, no winter rest -simply reduce water. Examples: *D. densiflorum*, *D. fimbriatum*, *D. thyrsoiflorum*

Type IV (persistent) cool all year. Short suspension of water early autumn. Examples: *D. bellatulum*, *D. secundum*.

Type V (persistent) intermediate all year. No rest. Examples: *D. antelope* and hybrids of type V and type VI.

Type VI (persistent) warm growing all year. Restrict water twice during the year. Examples: *D. phalaenopsis*, *D. bigibbum*, *D. superbiens*.

See the lists below. Put these orchids on the side to rest and treat differently from Halloween through Valentine's Day. Use those holidays as a general guide...if you see lots of action in late January, you might want to bring them out of their rest earlier. As with everything orchids...there is no one exact set of rules...pay attention to your plants and they will tell you what they need.

In September, you might want to start moving winter rest orchids to their own bench or rack, away from the other racks to avoid any overspray. They are still getting misted at the moment, but it is a much lighter misting...and it will stop on Halloween. After that, the bench/rack will get a very general light misting once every two weeks or so until Valentine's Day. They need a cooler temperature and little to no watering and no fertilizer at all.

If yours are still in bloom, wait until out of bloom.

*Aerangis punctata*

*Aerangis luteo alba* v. *rhodosticta*

*Brassavola nodosa* –occasional misting, light water every 2 –3 weeks

*Den. parishii*

*Den. nobile*

*Den. aggregatum*

*Den. lindleyi* (aka *aggregatum*)

*Den. smilleae*

*Den. farmer*

*Den. farmeri* x *griffithianum*

*Den. kingianum* -rest 2 months in summer and 4 in winter, mist daily, water every 2 weeks, if stressed then add water

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Den. primulinum  
 Den. Little Sweet Scent  
 Den. Medy Stripe  
 Den. Super Star x Ise 'Pearl'  
 Den. mohlianum x Den sulawesiense  
 Den. violetta  
 Den. amethystoglossum  
 Den. moschatum  
 Den. canaliculatum  
 Den. dantaniense  
 Den. pierardii (has now had a name change and is known as Dendrobium cucullatum)  
 Den. aphyllum  
 Den. anosmum (aka superbum)  
 Den. christyanum (syn margaritaceum)  
 Den. senile  
 \*Den. hercoglossum (slight rest)  
 \*Den. moniliforme (slight rest)  
 \*Den. goldschmidtianum (slight rest)  
 Den. wardianum  
 \*Dendrochilum filiforme (slight rest)  
 Coelogyne cristata  
 Cuitlauzina pendula  
 Ctsm. Rebecca Northen  
 Ctsm. pileatum  
 Encyclia mariae  
 Fredclarkeara After Dark  
 Galeandra batemannii x greenwoodiana  
 Mystacidium braebonae  
 Mystacidium capense  
 Neo. falcata (now Vanda)  
 Neo. Falcata 'Benisuzume' –light water every 2 weeks, highest light now, 3 month rest, occasional mist between 1st of Nov and end of January  
 Psychopsiella limminghei (Still wetting the back of the fern fiber after it dries out, but that's it. No water around the roots on the front of the mount.)  
 Schomburgkia galeottiana (now Myrmecophila galeottiana)  
 Solenangis aphyllum

\*Den. hercoglossum, goldschmidtianum, and moniliforme –Some folks say they only need a 2 week rest. Slightly less water, no fertilizer and higher light for 2-4 weeks and then warm it back up again for them. Some say they only need temps down to about 50F although others have been down to 39F and seemed to be fine.

All Catasetinae: Catasetum, Cycnoches, Mormodes, Clowesia, Galeandra, Fredclarkeara, etc. Also, Calanthe (some of them), some Eulophias and "some" Lycaste (not sure if there is any species which does not do it.) They all like Cattleya light now. When in active growth, use 1 teaspoon per gallon of fertilizer. Nov 15th reduce

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watering by half, no fertilizer. Jan. 1 should have no leaves = no water. Severe shrivel –water once. Wait to water when roots are 3-5” long. If the pseudobulbs are not mature yet, continue watering until mature.

For the orchids below, due to heavy dew in their location, the water should be heavily reduced, but they shouldn't be allowed to go completely dry for long periods of time. Occasional early morning misting, especially on bright sunny days will help keep them from becoming too dry. Eliminate fertilizer until you see new growths.

*Barkeria spectabilis*

*Barkeria scandens*

*Barkeria Marsh Melton* (slight rest...first year with this one and only one parent likes an actual rest)

*Stan. lietzi* (slight rest)

*Grammatophyllum* –when growth completes (March –October), 2 –3 week rest needed. Sensitive to salt buildup. Likes fish emulsion as fertilizer. *G. speciosum* likes to be in baskets.

*Encyclia cordigera* –occasional misting in winter, light water every 3 weeks.

*Laelia tenebrosa* –reduce watering and eliminate fertilizer in winter, but don't dry out completely

*Psychopsis papilio* –water every 2 weeks, occasional misting in winter

*Rhynchostylis gigantea* –eliminate fertilizer, water one time every week or two. Keep rather dry between watering in winter.

*Zygopetalum* –reduce fertilizer, less water, do not dry out completely